

**** SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL AT IT'S NEXT MEETING ****

TRINITY LUTHERAN CONGREGATION COUNCIL

October 12, 2022 • 7:30 p.m.

OPENING BUSINESS:

The Trinity Lutheran Congregation Council meeting was called to order by Saundy Solum at 7:32 p.m. on October 12, 2022.

Pr. Elizabeth opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members Present:

Pr. Elizabeth, Dan Alstad, John Halverson, Terry Holland, Michelle Jahnke, Kim Kapplinger, Steve Kemp, Bethany Moen, Laurie Moen, Steve Nelson, Saundy Solum, Judy Tollefsrud, Dean Wiste.

Secretary's Report for September 14, 2022, was read, edited, and approved. Steve K. made a motion to approve the secretary minutes, seconded by Terry. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (placed on file) Highlights listed below. Dean made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

- September Offering \$18,563.31
- Total Income \$21,607.48
- Jan. – Sept. loss \$-50,758.67
- Year to date Offering down \$16,994.57
- Year to day expenses are up \$18,489.32

STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor Elizabeth (see attachment)
Pastor Lane (see attachment)
Kerri Jahnke (see attachment)

TEAM REPORTS:

Care Ministry (Laurie)

- If council knows of anyone in need of prayer shawls or lap blankets, please let Laurie Moen or Kris Bjerke know.
- Will be packing HIP packets once the school finalizes things on their end.
- November 6 is Bag-a-Buck.

Finance (Judy)

- Will be meeting next week to work on the budget for 2023.

Mission (Dean)

- Loaded 67 boxes of quilts, 154 baby care kits, and 228 school bags this past Friday.
- Gary Wilhelmson brought these items to La Crosse on Saturday.

Property (Dan)

- Working on the concerns with the steeple. Dan contacted a contractor working on a steeple at a church in Rushford and he requested that we provide pictures of the steeple taken by a drone. Dan asked David Storlie to help provide the drone pictures. Dan plans to follow up with David.

Staffing (Meets the 3rd Thursday each month) (John)

- In November, Staffing Team will be working on the filing system for the staff and streamlining the filing system.

Worship (Kim)

- Electronic items have been installed by Rick Sundet.

BOOK DISCUSSION

"All Who are Weary"

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Response COVID protocols
 - We will remain on the same path with the COVID protocols.
2. Master Planning Committee update
 - Jacque, Nolie, and Bev will be meeting this Friday to discuss the architects.
 - \$135K has been raised for the windows.
3. All-Teams Retreat recap
 - 20 people attended the retreat.
4. 498-HOPE update
 - Will be recorded once a week – Friday or Saturday.
5. Trinity Center winterization
 - Dan shared that Gary Wilhelmson and Dave Eiken shared that the Trinity Center needs to be winterized. Council recommends Property contact Winona Controls for their opinion on what the most cost-effective option we have. Dan will get a price and Saundy will call the council back for a special meeting to decide.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget
 - Finance Team meeting this coming Thursday to go through the budget.
2. Constitution update
 - We will need to appoint a committee of three at the Annual Meeting to work on the changes from the churchwide to the constitution.
3. Nominating Committee
 - Barb Arnold, Gary Wilhelmson, Lara Wold-Mendez, Saundy Solum, Mary Zaffke, Judy Tollefsrud, Dean Wiste, Dan Alstad, and Steve Kemp. Lara will be planning a meeting for the committee to meet soon.
4. School Concert
 - The school has reached out to Trinity for permission to use the church for their choir concerts on December 15, 2022, March 9, 2023, and May 15, 2023. Kim made motion to approve this request, seconded by John, motion carried.

5. Care Ministry Team turned in fundraising forms to the office for their "Bag-a-Buck" fundraiser and "Christmas Cheer Bags" fundraiser. Dan made a motion to approve these fundraisers, seconded by Dean. Motion carried

LORD'S PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

- Terry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Laurie seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m., followed by The Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Next newsletter items due October 21
- Reformation Sunday and Confirmation October 30

Submitted by *Michelle Jahnke*